Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology, 402 W. Washington St. Rm 290W, Indianapolis, IN 46204, 317-232-4120, 317-232-2649 fax

January 14, 2015

Dear Official or Interested Party,

This is an official notice from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regarding public meetings to discuss proposed aerial treatments for Gypsy Moth in your area in 2015. Our current proposed treatment plan includes areas in Lake, St. Joseph and Porter counties. We invite you to attend a public meeting in your area.

The public meeting will outline the existing Gypsy Moth threat, the proposed treatment, and offer an opportunity for questions and comments. The public may also submit comments on the proposed treatments to the Division until Thursday March 12th at 5:00pm Eastern. Comments may be submitted in writing to the address above or to DEPP@dnr.in.gov. The final decision for the proposed treatment will be made after that date and will take into consideration public comments, as well as State and Federal funding for this project. Residents within or near a proposed treatment site will receive a postcard notification about the public meetings. We have enclosed a postcard with this letter.

Further information can be found on our website at gypsymoth.IN.gov or call the Indiana DNR toll free at 1-866-NO EXOTIC (1-866-663-9684).

Public meetings will be held at the following locations and times.

| ublic meet | mgs will be in | elu at the following locations | |
|------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Lake | Tues. Jan 27 | Lake County Library Hobart Branch 100 Main Street, Hobart | 6:00 pm Central |
| St. Joseph | Thu. Jan 29 | Potato Creek State Park Nature Center 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty | 3:00 pm Eastern 6:00 pm Eastern |
| Porter | Wed. Feb 4 | Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 N State Road 49, Porter | 6:00 pm Central |
| Porter | Tues. Feb 10 | Porter County Library Valparaiso Branch 103 Jefferson St., Valparaiso | 6:00 pm Central |

Sincerely,

Philip T. Marshall

State Entomologist/Division Director

For information on Gypsy Moth and treatments in Indiana, visit: www.entm.purdue.edu/GM

For information on Gypsy Moth Treatments, visit: gypsymoth.IN.gov

or call the Indiana DNR toll-free at **1-866 NO EXOTIC** (1-866-663-9684)

We appreciate your cooperation in this important effort to protect Indiana's rural and urban forests from this devastating pest. Please contact us with any questions.

Thing T. Whomball
Division Director



Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology 402 W. Washington St, Room W-290 Indianapolis, IN 46204

THIS IS AN OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR AERIAL TREATMENTS FOR GYPSY MOTHS

To Residents Within or Near a Proposed Gypsy Moth Treatment Site in 2015:

Gypsy moth (GM), an invasive insect that defoliates trees, has been found in or near your locale. The Indiana DNR proposes to treat strategic sites within the counties listed below with either aerial applications of "Btk", a biological agent that kills GM caterpillars, or application of gypsy moth pheromone to disrupt the mating of adult moths. Public meetings to discuss proposed treatments will be held at the following locations and times:

| Lake | Tue. Jan 27 | Lake County Library Hobart Branch 100 Main Street, Hobart | 6:00 pm Central |
|------------|-------------|---|------------------------------------|
| St. Joseph | Thu. Jan 29 | Potato Creek State Park Nature Center 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty | 3:00 pm Eastern 6:00 pm Eastern |
| Porter | Wed. Feb 4 | Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 N State Road 49, Porter | 6:00 pm Central |
| Porter | Tue. Feb 10 | Porter County Library Valparaiso Branch 103 Jefferson St., Valparaiso | 6:00pm Central |





Continued on other side...